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## OUR CONTEMPORARY, THE DAILY NEWS.

After two days' deliberation, the Daily News decides that it did not misrepresent Mr. Bryan, or in other words that it did not say that what it said was so. But let the News speak:

The Journal should be able to find enough in The News's political philosophy to disagree with and complain about without misquoting and misrepresenting as for instance the assertion that the News "contained a statement to the effect that Mr. Bryan had declared President Roosevelt to be the greatest president the country ever had."

The Journal went back to January 14 to get this morsel to chew on, but got it wrong. The matter quoted in the News of that date was to the effect that Mr. Bryan had spoken of Roosevelt "as one who could be regarded as the greatest president of the United States." That is not saying that Mr. Bryan so regarded him.

The News adopts a rather roundabout way of taking back what it said, but that way is better than none at all, and is really better than the News usually does. If the News had stopped with this, it would have done itself credit, but it goes on to say:

The Journal's statement, however, that "The News has always been a regular and consistent imitator of the policy of its Chicago contemporary" is too frivolous, absurd and contemptible to merit discussion.

However, if the News were disposed to seek political wisdom from some source, it would about as soon receive it from the big Chicago daily as from the weekly publication emanating from Lincoln, Nebraska, from which The Journal will not deny that it gets its inspiration.

This is a candid, though hardly a creditable admission, that the News would prefer to derive its political inspiration (and Heaven knows it needs inspiration of some kind) from a republican rather than a democratic source.

As to our contemporary's question as to "Why in fact should The Journal insist on making an ass of itself?" we have only to say that it is impossible to refer in any way to the Daily News without laying oneself open to the charge of assinity (and if that is what our contemporary means we really need not dispute its proposition.) The Journal will hereafter confine itself to more dignified and less assine subjects.

The many friends of Mr. Willis M. Ball, for many years manager of the Pensacola News, but now on the editorial staff of the Jacksonville Times-Union, will learn with deepest regret of the death of his wife which occurred a few days ago in Atlanta. The deceased lady was universally admired for her fine qualities of head and heart and all of the attributes which go to make up a noble womanhood, and the bereaved husband will have the sincere sympathy of his friends everywhere in his great loss.

No, the whole population of Pensacola has not been summoned to Washington as witnesses in the Swayne case. A good many have gone, but there are still enough of us left to do the work that absolutely has to be done.

The Birmingham Age-Herald says the negroes of Alabama in the agricultural districts are buying homes. This is decidedly better than buying booze and it speaks well for the Alabama negro.

The suspense is now over. The electoral vote was counted in a joint session of the house and senate Wednesday and Roosevelt was declared elected by a vote of 336 to 140.

What the country needs is a change—not of laundry—but of weather. There is no hope of an administration change for over four years yet at least.

A Jacksonville man got drunk, went to bed, and then tried to burn the house down. If there was no one else in it, it's a pity he didn't succeed.

Jacksonville is going to have another high building. This time it will be eight stories. And that's no fish story either.

## THE THEATRICAL SYNDICATE'S DOUBTFUL EXPERIMENT.

The theatrical syndicate of New York is just now engaged in the doubtful experiment of trying to shut out from the theatres which it controls, a certain newspaper theatrical critic whom it does not like. Commenting on the case the Birmingham Age-Herald says:

James Metcalfe, the editor and dramatic critic of Life, has been shut out of all the theatres controlled by the theatrical syndicate, and the battle that has arisen between him and the trust is a battle for the freedom of the press in which all are interested.

Mr. Metcalfe will no doubt test his right to occupy a seat he had paid for, and the decision of the courts will be awaited with interest. The trust is advised by its lawyers that it can sell a ticket calling for admission and the use of a particular seat, and yet refuse the bearer from gaining entrance to the theatre in question. The question is to be fought out in the courts. Mr. Metcalfe will be fighting the battle of the general public when he contends that a ticket openly purchased should be honored at the door.

The broader question relates to the right of criticism in general. If the trust be given power to dictate who shall criticize the plays presented by them we will have reverted to Russian methods and Russian backwardness. The real question seems to be—is this Russia or America?

Mr. Metcalfe will not abate or compromise his claim to admission whenever or wherever he buys a ticket, and when his case is decided we will all know how much power the trust has over theatrical criticism in this alleged land of the free.

The case is one in which the whole country will take a good deal of interest and it is safe to say that, whatever the result, the theatrical syndicate—or skindicate, as it might more properly be called—will wish it had let Mr. Metcalfe alone. Previous to his exclusion, it had only the one man to deal with. Now it has opposed to it the vast preponderance of public sentiment everywhere.

The Sunday Journal is going to be one of the best ever issued. Get ready for it.

General February seems to be in full command just now.

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HARRY R. SMITH,  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of January, 1905.  
J. P. STOKES,  
Notary Public.

# The South and The Labor Problem

By BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

THE south is likely for all time to be the cotton center of the world, and, besides, the continued increase in the use of cotton goods among all nations will give to every acre of land in the south a VALUE THAT IT HAS NOT HERETOFORE POSSESSED. With these facts in mind a natural inquiry is, What can the negro do to help forward the interests of the south, and what can the white man do to help the negro AND HIMSELF?

A short time ago I spent a day in one of the rural counties of Georgia and heard a great deal of discussion about the scarcity of efficient farm labor. After spending the day in the country, I returned to Atlanta for the night. Between 10 and 11 o'clock I made a tour through Decatur street and several streets in that vicinity. I think I do not exaggerate when I say that I found in and near Decatur street enough people who were not regularly employed to operate successfully FIFTY OF THE LARGEST PLANTATIONS in the state of Georgia. This single example represents a condition more or less prevalent in practically all of our larger cities and in all of our southern states.

As an economic problem, therefore, we have on the one hand a surplus of idle labor in the cities and on the other much vacant land, unpicked cotton and a scarcity of farm labor. In the cities of the south, wherever I have gone, I have found a floating class of colored people. I made individual inquiry as to why they preferred an uncertain existence in a city to a life of comparative prosperity upon a farm, either as owners, as renters or laborers. While I shall not attempt to use their exact words, I sum up the reasons they gave me in a few sentences.

A LARGE CLASS OF COLORED PEOPLE GIVE THE FOLLOWING AS CHIEF REASONS FOR LEAVING THE FARMS: POOR DWELLING HOUSES, LOSS OF EARNINGS EACH YEAR BECAUSE OF UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS, HIGH PRICED PROVISIONS, POOR SCHOOLS, HOUSES, SHORT SCHOOL TERMS, POOR SCHOOTEACHERS, BAD TREATMENT GENERALLY, LYNCHINGS AND WHITE CAPPING, FEAR OF THE PRACTICE OF PEONAGE, A GENERAL LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION AND WANT OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

I believe that it will pay every owner of a plantation throughout the south to see to it that the houses of the tenants are not only made comfortable, but attractive in a degree. The landowner who thinks that he can secure the best class of colored people when he provides only a broken down one room cabin for them to live in WILL FIND HIMSELF MISTAKEN. The chances are the planter who provides comfortable houses for his tenants will keep them longer and will have a more reliable service. The matter of being cheated out of his earnings at the end of the year is, of course, a complaint that is hard to discuss, and I know is likely to involve much exaggeration, and the more ignorant the aggrieved person is the more given is he to such complaint and exaggeration, but I must not conceal the fact that such feeling is DEEP AND WIDE-SPREAD, and I ought to make the same statement regarding the high prices charged during the year for provisions, etc., supplied.

In regard to the duties and obligations of my own people I would say that unless they realize fully the opportunities that are before them in the south and seize every chance TO IMPROVE THEIR METHODS OF LABOR the time will come when Italians and other foreigners will attempt to displace them in the labor work of the south just as the Chinese are displacing the negro in South Africa.

I BELIEVE THAT THE SOUTH IS ON THE EVE OF A SEASON OF PROSPERITY SUCH AS IT HAS NEVER BEFORE EXPERIENCED AND THAT BY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHETIC CO-OPERATION EACH OF THESE TWO RACES OF THE SOUTH CAN HELP FORWARD THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER AND THUS CEMENT A FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEM THAT SHALL BE AN OBJECT LESSON FOR ALL THE WORLD.

## The Negro's Status In Bermuda

By President ELIOT of Harvard

IN Bermuda, with a great preponderance of negroes in the population, there is absolutely equal suffrage based on an educational and property qualification. With the whites in the minority there, they yet rule, AND RULE SATISFACTORILY. Every one is taxed to support the public schools, yet all the colonial schools are occupied by negro children, while the white children go to private schools at a slight additional cost, as would be the case in the south if the southern people would attack THE WHOLE QUESTION in a like sane and intelligent fashion. We know how to settle the question, and would do it quickly if only our southern brethren would muster up the courage and justice to do as the Bermudians have done, AND SO WIPE OUT THE WHOLE "NEGRO QUESTION."

## The Development of American Character

By Senator CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS, Vice President Elect

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## AN EFFECTUAL NOLLE PROSEQUI BY DEATH.

(Savannah News.)

Death has entered its effectual nolle prosequi across the five indictments charging C. T. Beckwith, president of the defunct Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin with violating the national banking laws. At 15: same time, with a grim irony, it has made doubtful the conviction of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, the notorious adventuress whose borrowings ruined the bank and its president. It is a tragic end to a real drama.

Moral weakness in man is pretty certain to bring about a tragedy. Cordwaine's Hamlet. Vaulting ambition wrecked Macbeth. Love of flattery and mental blindness broke the heart of aged Lear. Greed for gold snatched the crown of contented, honorable, old age from Beckwith and sent him to his grave broken-hearted, scorned and friendless, his name tainted with criminal charge. Mrs. Chadwick was only the agent his fatal moral defect used to compass his ruin. When he made the loan that destroyed him, Beckwith was actuated by no criminal motive. The offer of \$10,000 to him personally, blinded his eyes to the weakness apparent on the face of the borrower's note. Greed for gold argued down his business wisdom. Midas-like he craved gold and Midas-like he cast aside all things for it. Midas-like, also, he lived to feel and know his folly. The laughing-stock of all the world, the dupe of an adventuress that played to his fatal weakness, held under bond on criminal charges, death alone could deaden to his cringing soul the shameful secret a whole world was whispering, "Midas has ears of an ass."

It is a story pitiful in its tragedy. An old man dies broken-hearted, shamed, ruined, laughed at by even the woman that through his weakness wrought the disaster. His old age found him crying with Macbeth, "And that which should accompany old age, As honor, love, obedience, troops of friends, I must not look to have."

And like Macbeth the interest portion of the cup he drained was the knowledge that he himself, with his one great moral defect, had brewed the poison. The moral is too evident to need repetition. The whole history of mankind has shown that tragedy must mark the end of him morally weak, be that weakness cowardice, vaulting ambition, licentiousness, love of flattery, or abnormal greed for gold.

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